GIS Service Pledge

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On November 15, 2017, in partnership with Esri, GISCorps is launching a new program called the "GIS Service Pledge". Esri, the world leader in spatial analytics, has committed to donating personal use licenses of its ArcGIS software for each GISCorps volunteer who takes a "GIS Service Pledge" to volunteer for a good cause.
Each personal use license being donated has a commercial value of approximately $6,000 per year and will enable volunteers to address crucial location-based issues. GISCorps Volunteers can leverage this software donation to support any topic or organization they are passionate about that meets GISCorps' mission and its policies, whether local or abroad. Examples could include supporting a local food bank, land trust, or animal shelter.
"One of the things about Esri that I am most proud of is the fact that our community of users is so dedicated to doing good in the world," said Jack Dangermond, Esri founder and President. "GISCorps is one example of how the power of location intelligence can be harnessed for the public good."
This initiative also extends to disaster response projects that arise after disasters such as the recent Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Maria, and the Mexico earthquakes. In disasters, volunteers are able to provide a variety of assistance including identification/mapping of one-story homes at risk of being flooded, locations of dry beds and shelters for the displaced, and the quickest and safest routes to evacuate affected populations in the shortest amount of time.
"URISA's GISCorps volunteers have been involved in almost every disaster since 2003," said Shoreh Elhami, GISCorps founder. "We have worked on Hurricane Katrina, the Asian tsunami, the cyclone in Burma, the Ebola epidemic, and many more. Many of our volunteers have said they learn more quickly from GISCorps experiences than from their day jobs. They get exposed to different projects that require different skills and tools, and that provides a valuable learning experience."
The Esri Disaster Response Program provides a backend that supports the work of GISCorps volunteers, helping them to ingest and process imagery, and to digitize points of interest in a way that's much easier than in the past. This is made possible with ArcGIS Online, which volunteers use to spread the work among themselves and to create a communication platform to share updates on unfolding events.
See the Press Release in here: https://www.directionsmag.com/pressrelease/7082

If you are interested in joining the "GIS Service Pledge" program, fill out the request form

Please note that only GISCorps volunteers can apply for donated Esri software, you can sign up here and become a GISCorps volunteer

Please note that reviewing the requests and donating the software to those who qualify, might take anywhere from 2-4 weeks. All questions in the survey must be fully answered to qualify for review. Please provide as much detail about your proposed project as possible. Unclear or incomplete proposals will not be accepted. Send your questions about GIS Service Pledge to: servicepledge@giscorps.org